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SUBJECT: PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN NRC AND BELGIUM

REF: STATE 201829; STATE 199362; EC BRUSSELS 07635

1. YESTERDAY A MEETING WAS HELD AT THE OFFICE OF MISS HERPELS IN THE BELGIAN FOREIGN MINISTRY CONCERNING THE PROPOSED AGREEMENT BETWEEN NRC AND THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT. ATTENDING WERE REPRESENTATIVES OF ALL THE INVOLVED MINISTRIES, THE BELGIAN SCIENTIFIC COUNSELLOR TO THE U.S. IN WASHINGTON (DR. GROSVENOR), AND IN ADDITION A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE EUROPEAN COMMISSION. THE PURPOSE OF THE MEETING WAS TO DISCUSS THE SUGGESTED CLARIFYING LANGUAGE PROPOSED BY NRC IN THE REFERENCED CABLES. ERDA BRUSSELS WAS BRIEFED TODAY ON THE SUBSTANCE OF THAT MEETING AS REPORTED BELOW.

2. FIRST, THEY BELIEVE THAT THE PROPOSED WORD CHANGES TO THE TITLE AND THE FIRST PAGE EMPHASIZES THE FIELD OF REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH BEYOND THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT'S CAPACITY TO SUPPORT. THEY FEEL IT WOULD BE EMBARRASSING TO THE BELGIAN GOVERNMENT TO SIGN AN AGREEMENT WHICH EMPHASIZES REACTOR SAFETY RESEARCH WHEN  
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THEY HAVE SO LITTLE GOVERNMENT SUPPORTED WORK IN THE COUNTRY.

WITH THIS IN MIND, AND REFERRING TO STATE 199362, THEY HAVE SUGGESTED THAT THE WORDING OF THE TITLE ON THE COVER PAGE NOT BE CHANGED AND THAT ALL THE MODIFICATIONS TO PAGE 1 NOT BE INCORPORATED. THE MODIFICATIONS TO PAGE 2 ARE ACCEPTABLE. THE MODIFICATION TO PAGE 4 WITH REGARD TO THE PATENT ADDENDUM IS ACCEPTABLE PROVIDED ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE PATENT ADDENDUM IS GIVEN. THIS WILL BE DISCUSSED LATER. THE MODIFICATION TO PAGE 5, PARAGRAPH J, IS ACCEPTABLE.

3. WITH REGARD TO THE SIGNATURE BLOCKS, WE HAVE PREVIOUSLY POINTED OUT THAT THREE LANGUAGES WILL BE NECESSARY (ENGLISH, FRENCH AND FLEMISH) AND THAT OUR CONTACTS REPEATED THE ADVANTAGE OF SIGNING THE AGREEMENT IN WASHINGTON AND NOT IN BRUSSELS (SEE EC BRUSSELS 07635).

4. WITH REGARD TO THE PATENT ADDENDUM, THERE WAS DIFFICULTY IN UNDERSTANDING THE LEGALISTIC ENGLISH. IN ORDER TO CLEARLY UNDERSTAND THE MEANING OF THE PATENT ADDENDUM, THE BELGIANS WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A LETTER OR SOME OTHER OFFICIAL COMMUNICATION WHICH EXPLAINS THE MEANING OF EACH PARAGRAPH IN THE ADDENDUM, WITH PERHAPS AN EXAMPLE BEING GIVEN. THEY HAVE NO INTENTION OF MAKING THIS LETTER A PART OF THE AGREEMENT BUT WANT SOMETHING AS A BASIS FOR UNDERSTANDING THE LANGUAGE IN THE PATENT ADDENDUM.

5. A COPY OF THE AGREEMENT WHICH REFLECTS THE ABOVE MODIFICATIONS IS BEING MAILED TO YOU. DR. GROSVENOR ALSO WILL BRING A COPY TO WASHINGTON WHEN HE RETURNS NEXT WEEK. MORRIS

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